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Firefighters' teamwork a source of pride

Slave Lake. More than 200 personnel from Calgary assisted in fighting fire a year ago

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Debris littered Slave Lake after massive fires ripped through the town last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

On the evening of May 14, 2011, as wildfires began burning out of control in the vicinity of Slave Lake, Brian McAsey of the Calgary Fire Department watched TV and online clips, enthralled by the speed of the fire.

"What I thought in Calgary was, 'Oh my God, I can't believe what's going on there, I hope someone goes there and helps them,'" said McAsey, now an assistant deputy chief. "It never occurred to me that Calgary would be involved, because we're some distance away."

By the morning of May 15, McAsey was en route with more than 100 of his Calgary colleagues. What he'd seen on the videos was nothing compared to what was coming, he explained, describing melted hubcaps and scalding hot concrete.

For roughly two weeks, members of the CFD fought alongside more than 30 other fire departments until the blaze was out.

Lesser Slave Lake Fire Chief Jamie Coutts said the additional firefighters from around the province came when they were needed most.

"It's great that career firefighters and volunteer firefighters in Slave Lake could work together and accomplish everything that we did in such a short amount of time," said Coutts Tuesday from Slave Lake.

McAsey said the one-year anniversary, while haunting, brings a sense of pride. "In terms of being able to coordinate that or offer that to another municipality, that's a pretty incredible thing and I'm pretty happy that Calgary stepped up."

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Brian McAsey, assistant deputy chief with the Calgary Fire Department, recalls the Slave Lake fires Tuesday on the one-year anniversary of the devastating event. CANDICE WARD/FOR METRO

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3 Albertans killed

Left wings touched in deadly plane collision: Official

A transport official says a mid-air collision that killed five people in Saskatchewan occurred when the left wings of the two small planes came into contact.

Wreckage from the Piper PA-28 and Lake Buccaneer amphibious plane includes marks that show the wings of the single-engine aircraft touched before the planes plummeted almost straight down, Peter Hildebrand of the Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday.

"The wreckage came down almost vertically in its final trajectory," said Hildebrand, who added that there was no way anyone could have survived the impact.

The crash occurred Saturday near St. Brieux, northeast of Saskatoon. The Piper's three Alberta occupants — Mossleigh residents Eric Donovan, his son Wade and pilot Denny Loree — as well as a Regina couple in the Buccaneer were killed.

Despite good weather, it may have been difficult for the pilots to judge each other's speed and distance, because they were likely at 90-degree angles to each other, Hildebrand said.

Investigators still want to recover flight instruments or electronic equipment that could assist in an ongoing investigation into the crash. They would also like to interview anyone who may have seen what happened.

Hildebrand said mid-air collisions are rare in Canada. There had been only 16 in the last 10 years before Saturday.

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Court. Triple murderer abandons appeal

A man found guilty of the gruesome murders of his young girlfriend's family in southern Alberta six years ago quietly abandoned plans to appeal his conviction on Tuesday.

Jeremy Steinke, 26, was found guilty in 2008 of killing the girl's parents and brother two years earlier in Medicine Hat when she was 12 years old.

Steinke, who has changed his name to Jackson May, filed an official notice of abandonment.

Jeremy Steinke in a 2008 courtroom sketch. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Transit. Trains tested on West LRT track

Calgarians got their first glimpse on Tuesday of how the new LRT line will look when it opens next spring, as the first test train was placed on line.

The elevated guideway and station over 9th Avenue are two of the distinct features on the West LRT line, said Gordon Stewart, director of transportation infrastructure.

"And then as you get up to the Westbrook Station we have a long tunnel and an underground station," he said.

Four trains will test the line systems over the next eight months before the "all aboard" is given. Stewart estimates roughly 35,000 people will use the line each day.

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Distinct

"There are some real distinctive (features) on this line."

Gordon Stewart, director of transportation infrastructure

School design to evolve under new minister

Infrastructure. Multiplex facilities could include classrooms, community centres, health clinics

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Bringing with him experience working on Alberta's infrastructure portfolio, the new education minister is looking at pushing the boundaries of school design in the province.

Offering up his first insights since being named the top dog on primary education in Alberta, Minister Jeff Johnson said new schools his government has pledged to build will likely incorporate more of a "multiplex" design.

"Obviously, there's a certain piece of school capital that can be cookie-cuttered, but I think we also need to recognize the uniqueness of every community," he said.

To Johnson, this could mean a design that includes components of both a school and community-recreation centre, health clinic or maybe even a district police station.

Some communities have already experimented with such designs and Alberta School Board Association president Jacquie Hansen said research indicates schools are more likely to maintain enrolment if they offer value to the community beyond just classrooms and chalkboards.

"This is something we have been talking about for a very long time," Hansen added. "I have to say I am very excited about this idea, this concept."

Pledge

50

In her election campaign, Premier Alison Redford pledged to build 50 new schools.

Community

"How do we bring the community in for the maximum benefit of the student?... How do we leverage that infrastructure that the taxpayer's already paying for towards the benefit of the community?"

Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson

Students are seen in an Alberta classroom. The new education minister has eyes on developing new schools that would include many more amenities than a traditional school. METRO FILE

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On the web

Tween blasts banks

The latest tirade against Canada's banking system isn't coming from a leading economist, but from a 12-year-old girl. Posted by her father, Cambridge, Ont.'s Victoria Grant's lectures have been making the web rounds and making headlines. Watch the pint-sized pundit at metronews.ca

Mobile news

Barack Obama is holding his own when it comes to pop culture. The U.S. president passed The View's pop quiz, proving he's keeping up with the Kardashians and knows his superheroes. Scan the code to see if he passed the Fifty Shades of Grey test.

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McCann murders

Vader's court date rescheduled

Travis Vader, charged with first-degree murder in the deaths of Lyle and Marie McCann, has had his court date put over. Vader appeared in court in Edson on Tuesday. The McCanns, who were in their 70s, were last seen fuelling up their motorhome in St. Albert, Alta., for a trip to B.C. in July 2010. It was found burned just east of Edson a few days later. Their bodies have never been found. Vader's next court date is slated for June 5.
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Lethbridge

Police make arrest in double murder

Lethbridge Regional Police charged a man Tuesday in the city's first double-homicide on record. Marty Leon Steele, 35, and Aaron Louis Thacker, 30, were found stabbed to death in a Lethbridge park on the weekend. Cody Blue Favel, 28, faces two counts of second-degree murder and two of robbery. Police say the murders were drug-related. METRO

Sled Island Festival

Rock around the block this summer

The East Village is holding a musical block party this summer during Calgary's Sled Island Festival. The party takes place on June 21 along the RiverWalk and will feature musical performances, a skateboard competition and a host of food trucks. Performances will also be held outdoors at Olympic Plaza. Sled Island runs June 20 to 23. For a full lineup, go to sledisland.com. METRO

Education Act

Province to review controversial bill

Alberta's Education Act will not return when the spring sitting of the legislature begins on May 23, education minister Jeff Johnson says. He says the government will take some time to discuss and possibly revise pieces of the act before reintroducing it. A group of home-schooling parents has criticized the act, which includes new measures to combat bullying and drop-out rates, for infringing on personal rights. METRO

Hot spots: Bridgeland testing free parking

One-year trial.
ParkPlus machines on site won't accept payment, city monitoring area

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Businesses and motorists in Bridgeland are basking in the glory of a scarce commodity in Calgary: free parking.

"I'm happy to see that, after fighting for that change, that (the City of Calgary) actually went and made the changes," said Jason Zaran, owner of Bridgeland eatery The Main Dish.

The yearlong trial period of the two-hour free parking runs along 1st Avenue Northeast, from 7th Street to 9A Street, and was influenced by Zaran, who felt that parking restrictions in the area were penalizing businesses.

City roads spokesperson Julie Yepishina-Geller said if another district has a compelling reason for having free parking as well, the department is open to ideas.

Jason Zaran, owner of The Main Dish, says he's one of several business owners who will benefit from free parking in Bridgeland. TESSA CLAYTON/FOR METRO

At last, something free

"This is a bit of a unique project."
Julie Yepishina-Geller, spokesperson for the city roads department

To track whether people are following the two-hour rule, Yepishina-Geller said users are supposed to register for the free trial on ParkPlus machines on site. Because — people being people — not everyone will register, the department will monitor on site how long people park.

That data will be evaluated to determine whether the free parking will stay long-term.

'Barrage' of murder-case tips pour in to grieving Calgary father

Jeff Buziak's phone has been ringing off the hook, but he admits he's probably no closer to finding his daughter's killer.

The Calgary father has offered as much as $500,000 for tips leading to a conviction in the 2008 killing of his daughter Lindsay Buziak in Saanich, B.C.

After speaking with Metro last week, Buziak was also interviewed by another Calgary publication and several television stations. He had previously discussed a possible reward with reporters in B.C. as well.

Jeff Buziak
METRO FILE

"When we offer a program like this, we certainly get a barrage of people who have theories," he said. "We have people offering to help .... We haven't got the nugget (of key information) at this time."

Buziak has long been critical of the Saanich police investigation. The police force, in turn, has cautioned against offering rewards in the case amid fears it could disrupt the integrity of what it says is an ongoing investigation.
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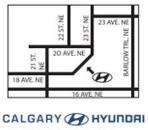

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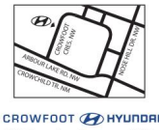

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Rafferty is a 'monster,' judge says at sentencing

25 years in prison. Condemns killer for snuffing out young life in order to gratify his 'twisted and deviant desire'

A loss that's forever

"My sister was the only person I had to talk to. Someone that felt what I felt, cried when I cried.... Now I feel alone."
Daryn Stafford, brother of Victoria

Michael Rafferty maintained his innocence Tuesday in the brutal abduction, rape and killing of Victoria Stafford as the judge presiding over the case labelled him a "monster."

Rafferty apologized to the eight-year-old girl's family in court after hearing the devastating effects of her death three years ago, but staunchly denied carrying out the crimes he was convicted of Friday.

"I am guilty of many crimes and there are a lot of things I am very, very ashamed of, but these three counts I still stand firmly behind not guilty," he said.

At the same time, he admitted to being "very definitely part of why Victoria's not here today," and offered to privately reveal "all the pieces of the puzzle" to Tori's mother.

It was the first time Rafferty has spoken in his own defence, he did not take the stand during the trial.

Rafferty was formally sentenced to life in prison with no chance of parole for 25 years. He was also sentenced to 10 years to be served concurrently for sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping.

Superior Court Justice Thomas Heeney condemned Rafferty for snuffing out the life of a beautiful and innocent girl. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Daryn Stafford, brother of Victoria, leaves court with family members on Tuesday. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Skateboarder dies

Cabbie charged

Police have laid a murder charge after a skateboarder died following a collision involving a taxi in downtown Toronto.

The victim is Ralph Bissonnette, 28. Adib Ibrahim, 43, is charged with second-degree murder.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cops found chemicals

Chemicals 'plausible' for rocketry hobby: Judge

G20 activist, Byron Sonne, 39, has been acquitted on all charges, after a judge said the Crown failed to prove he would make bombs.

The self-described security geek said the chemicals were for his rocketry hobby, an explanation that Ontario Superior Court Justice Nancy Spies said was plausible. Sonne also maintained he was trying to expose gaps in the $1-billion summit's security.
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True love story: Aerobatic pilot marries prince

Princess Basmah al Hussein and her new husband. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A barnstorming Stratford, Ont., woman with a daredevil streak and a passion for adventure has quietly become a member of Jordan's royal family.

Aerobatic pilot Basmah Hasan became Princess Basmah in January after she wed Prince Hamzah of Jordan's Hashemite royal family.

Hamzah is the son of the late King Hussein and his American-born wife, Queen Noor, and is a senior officer in Jordan's forces. He is the half-brother of the current King. The couple met while 33-year-old Hasan was working as the chief pilot at the Royal Aero Sports Club of Jordan last year.

She had blazed a trail in the skies over the Arab world by becoming the first certified aerobatic pilot and a certified glider pilot in the country.

The prince, 32, was a fixed-wing pilot trained at Britain's Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.

"She fell in love with this man, madly in love with him," says sister Yasmen Hasan.
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'Humble and intelligent':

"She's a totally adventurous person, but she's humble, graceful, gracious and intelligent," says Princess Basmah's sister Yasmen.

Targeted politico walks away from Bogota bomb blast

Two killed, more than 30 injured. Long black wig found after disguised attacker attaches explosive to armoured SUV

A pedestrian covers her face in shock after the Bogota blast.
RICARDO MAZALAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A bomb targeting a hardline former Colombian interior minister killed two of his bodyguards and injured at least 31 people in a brazen attack in Bogota's uptown commercial district Tuesday.

Fernando Londono suffered minor shrapnel wounds and was out of danger, authorities said.

Video footage showed a stunned Londono, his face bruised, being led from the wreckage.

Bogota Mayor Gustavo Petro said a pedestrian attached an explosive to a door of Londono's armoured SUV and set it off remotely.

He said authorities had video of the attack.

The attacker "walked away disguised" and a wig of long black hair and a hat were found in the area, Petro told reporters.

Bogota's police chief, Gen. Luis Eduardo Martinez, blamed the country's main leftist rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, though without offering any evidence.

President Juan Manuel Santos said immediately afterward it was too early to assign blame.

"We don't know who is behind this attack," he said.

Santos said Londono, 68, had in the past received death threats and had a sophisticated protection scheme involving about 19 bodyguards.

A staunch conservative and stringent critic of the FARC, Londono was interior and justice minister in 2002-2003.

Catalina Ballesteros, a 24-year-old student, was in a bus that was badly damaged by the blast.

"After the explosion it was chaos," said Ballesteros, who suffered only cuts.

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Massacre to shine light on Syria?

Now UN team may tell world. Observers nearby as troops fire on funeral mourners, 20 feared dead

A United Nations convoy of observers was blasted by a roadside bomb in Syria on Tuesday.

It happened just minutes after regime forces gunned down mourners at a funeral procession nearby, witnesses said. Twenty people may have been killed.

It was not clear how close the observers were to the funeral shootings. But if confirmed, a regime attack on civilians directly in front of the observers could put pressure on them to describe publicly what they are seeing in Syria. They report back to the UN but have not publicized their findings.

Burst of violence

"This is a real massacre and it took place in the presence of UN observers."

Rami Abdul-Rahman, human-rights official

A video of the bomb attack was posted online by activists. There were no injuries.

"The front of a UN car took a direct hit," said activist Fadi al-Yassin. "Everyone ran in panic but the observers stayed in the car. People tried to talk to them but they wouldn't even open their windows."

The two attacks took place in the town of Khan Sheikhoun. Last week, a roadside bomb struck a Syrian military truck in the south of the country just seconds after the head of the UN observers team drove by in a convoy. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quebec protests kick into high gear

A student protester puts the boot in during a pitched battle with police Tuesday at a junior college north of Montreal in the provincial furor over tuition hikes. Police fired chemical irritants at about 100 protesters who were blocking students from entering the college. In Montreal, 19 people were arrested Tuesday after access was blocked to the Jacques Cartier Bridge, a key commuter link. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Feds send out mixed signals

Suitable employment. No plan to force workers to take 'any job available,' human resources minister tells the Commons

The Harper government sent confusing signals Tuesday about coming changes to employment-insurance rules, declaring in favour of a hardline approach while indicating the new measures will be moderate.

Human Resources Minister Diane Finley told the House of Commons there's no plan to force jobless workers receiving EI benefits to take any job available, as the finance minister seemed to suggest the day before.

"Canadians will be expected to take jobs appropriate to their skill level in their area," she said.

That is decidedly different from Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's comments on Monday, when he said he was brought up to believe that "any job is a good job" and that the current EI rules are a disincentive to work.

Canadians won't know exactly what the government has in mind until new regulations on defining "suitable employment" are unveiled in the next few months.

And Finley agreed with Flaherty that one of the problems facing the economy is labour shortages, even though the current jobless rate of 7.3 per cent is more than a full point higher than prior to the 2008 recession.

In response to a question in the Commons, Prime Minister Stephen Harper appeared to back his finance minister. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Murdoch's media star charged

One of Rupert Murdoch's most trusted lieutenants, former U.K. tabloid editor Rebekah Brooks, seen leaving her lawyer's office in London with husband Charlie Brooks, was charged Tuesday alongside five others with conspiring to hide evidence of phone hacking. The 43-year-old Brooks, who quit as News International chief executive in July, faces three separate allegations of conspiracy to pervert the course of justice — an offence that carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. The charges against Brooks, her husband and four aides are the first prosecutions since police reopened inquiries 18 months ago into wrongdoing by the country's scandal-hungry press.

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JUST SAYIN'
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While the rest of us are lined up at the multiplex to watch CGI superheroes toss CGI arch-villains around in The Avengers, the real nerds have, as you might expect, already moved on.

To something called "quantum entanglement."

Quantum entanglement is weird. Somehow, subatomic particles act on each other and it doesn't matter if they're in the same room or at opposite ends of the Milky Way. As soon as you know that one is "up," you know the other is "down" and vice versa. That's an oversimplification, but this entire column is an oversimplification. Trust me, you really don't want the unabridged version.

Quantum entanglement is so weird it blew Einstein's mind. He called it "spooky action at a distance," and thought it invalidated quantum theory until physicist John Bell proved it actually happens, thereby inventing Bell's Theorem.

Weird as it may be, quantum entanglement has fired up the imaginations of scientists everywhere, who think that someday it will mean super-fast quantum computers, instant communications across vast distances, time-travel and even teleportation, as in "Beam me up, Scotty."

Beam me up, Scotty

As we speak, on science blogs everywhere, people are earnestly debating the safety hazards associated with teleportation — whether or not it's the actual Captain Kirk who arrives back on the Enterprise or a quantum copy.

As we speak, on science blogs everywhere, people are earnestly debating the safety hazards associated with teleportation — whether or not it's the actual Captain Kirk who arrives back on the Enterprise or a quantum copy. The real Kirk has died and is left behind on Regulus III — his quantum copy just doesn't know it.

Back on the real Earth, progress is being made on untangling quantum entanglement. One group of Chinese scientists have managed to entangle eight photons (particles of light), and just this week another group of Chinese scientists announced that they have managed to go where no geek has gone before, teleporting an entangled pair of quantum bits, or qubits, 97 kilometres across a lake.

This is a big deal, as the damn qubits have a habit of unravelling or unentangling or whatever, due to problems not encountered in theorems, such as imperfections in optics and air turbulence. It may seem like a small step for humankind (actually really small — subatomic, even), but how long could it be before we can instantly beam William Shatner from one Priceline hotel to the other?

You have to love this stuff, even if it never means you'll be able to honeymoon on Shiralea VI and be back in time for work on Monday. As you think about this idea, of real matter acting in lockstep mysteriously across time and space, you get a glimpse of just how wonderful and mysterious the universe really is.

And you don't have to pay for parking or popcorn.

Boldly going where no man has gone before. CONTRIBUTED

Walk like an Egyptian turtle

ZACHARY CULPIN/SOLENT NEWS & PHOTO AGENCY

Saving a species

Endangered tiny tortoises born

It's only the size of a coin, but this tortoise is priceless. Four hatchlings of the critically endangered Egyptian tortoise (*Testudo kleinmanni*) have been born at Marwell Wildlife, near Winchester, Hampshire, south England. Only just over a week old, the smallest of the youngsters weighed just 3.1 grams after hatching.

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centimetres is the approximate height of the first Egyptian tortoise hatchling, the same as the diameter of a small coin.

Facts and figures

- **Live long but still small.** Adults live for up to 50 years. These tortoises can grow to around 15 centimetres long and weigh 500 grams. This species of tortoise is the smallest in the northern hemisphere. The speckled padloper of South Africa is the world's smallest tortoise.
- **Egyptian by name only.** It's believed the Egyptian tortoise no longer exists in its namesake country. The species disappeared there some twenty years ago due to acidification of land, overgrazing and pet trade over-collecting.
- **In decline.** "Their numbers have declined severely in the last 30 years," Sherif Baha el-Din, scientific adviser at the Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency, told ABC News. He said a survey in Egypt in 1994 had failed to locate any wild tortoises at all. "They are very ancient animals and haven't changed much over the years, which makes them more susceptible to problems."

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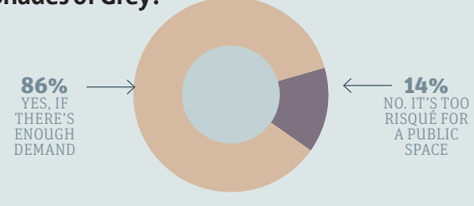

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@cpziegler: It's 28 degrees today and I'll be enjoying the sun rays in my office. #lame #yyc

@stevenrfreeman: This morning I saw a grown man walking to work in a three-piece suit, white socks and sandals. This has to be against the law. #yyc #fashion

@ryanwhite: It's that time of year when my tweets go from complaining about #yyc road conditions to complaining about road construction delays

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The Dictator

Director. Larry Charles

Stars: Sacha Baron Cohen, Anna Faris

Although it's slightly more conventional than his breakout hit Borat, funnyman Sacha Baron Cohen's The Dictator is also only slightly less obscene. Starring as the fascist despot of fictional Wadiya, Cohen's idiotic oppressor gets lost in America and develops an unlikely romance with a feminist (Anna Faris). Certainly more plot-driven than his previous pictures, The Dictator is also more predictable. Still, with Cohen's uncanny ability to bring hilarity to even the most offensive of characters, The Dictator commands you to enjoy it.

STEVE GOW

The Dictator listings

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While brushing his teeth, Norman pretends that he is a zombie in the children's animated feature ParaNorman. HANDOUT

The not-so-normal making of ParaNorman

Stop-motion technology. Elaborate, painstaking animation gives this children's monster movie a gritty but stunning feel

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It's a story of a little boy who is bullied at school. It would be universal, except that Norman is able to see ghosts and zombies.

And the 3-D movie is shot using labour-intensive stop-motion technology. At a time when computer-generated imagery is creating stunning and elaborate animation, the tactile quality of ParaNorman is refreshingly unusual.

Part comedy, part horror pastiche, ParaNorman (in theatres August 17) is produced by Laika, the studio that made Coraline, a 2009 3-D stop-motion children's film, nominated for an Academy Award for best animated feature.

ParaNorman writer and co-director Chris Butler has a soft spot for the paranormal, having grown up on The Goonies, Ghostbusters and Scooby-Doo.

"I think there is something thrilling to kids about monsters. As long as you're saying that there's a monster and it can be beaten. I think that's important," he says.

The directors wanted a raw, gritty animation style. And the studio focused on real-life materials to achieve it. In its puppet and set-construction departments, fine artists, jewelers, engineers, and even chemists crafted the characters and scenes.

While the movie boasts some high-profile voices — including young stars Kodi Smit-McPhee and Anna Kendrick — much of the "acting" is shared by an invisible cast of about 25 animators who work alone, manipulating the puppets on separate sets, and sometimes shooting as few as 15 or 16 frames in an entire day (less than one second of footage). On a good day, they'll shoot several seconds.

Director duo

Sam Fell and Chris Butler (writer) teamed up to co-direct this children's film.

- According to Butler, the original idea was "John Carpenter-meets-John Hughes." Carpenter directed horror classic Halloween, while Hughes directed Ferris Bueller's Day Off.
- Co-director Fell compared the film's look to William Eggleston's photography of objects like junk in a gutter, or a chainlink fence.

Book-turned-movie, with a rare self-help twist

Chris Rock, left, and Rodrigo Santoro, right, in a scene from What to Expect When You're Expecting. HANDOUT

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Big-screen adaptations of books are common. This year, everything from The Lorax to The Hunger Games and even Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter are making the leap from page to stage.

Less common is the reworking of self-help books for the movies. Earlier this year, Think Like a Man, a rom-com based on Steve Harvey's bestselling advice book, was a huge hit. Now this weekend, pregnancy guide What to Expect When You're Expecting gets the all-star treatment as a comedy starring Cameron Diaz, Jennifer Lopez and Elizabeth Banks.

Self-help guides rarely get adapted into movies because they generally lack a dramatic arc. 101 Ways to Improve Your Communication Skills Instantly, for instance, doesn't offer up much in the way of exciting drama, but some filmmakers have found ways of creating compelling stories from advice books.

In 1962, when Helen Gurley Brown's book Sex and the Single Girl sold two million copies in three weeks, Hollywood came calling. The book's then-controversial premise — that women should enjoy sex in or out of wedlock — was, however, watered down into a salute to marriage, which better suited the tone of the times than the book's feminist message.

Years later, both Sex and the City and Renée Zellweger's sex farce Down with Love both looked to the book for inspiration. Not all self-help book adaptations are successful, however. One review for Let's Go To Prison, based on an advice book by Jim Hogshire, said, "89 minutes that drag on like, well, a prison sentence," while He's Just Not That Into You was likened to "reliving your 20s, minus the fun."

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Awards-show accident

Michaels gets Tony Awards settlement

Bret Michaels and organizers of the Tony Awards have settled a lawsuit filed by the rocker after a 2009 incident in which he was hit in the head with a set piece and suffered injuries that contributed to a brain hemorrhage that nearly killed him.

The confidential settlement also covers Michaels' claims against CBS, which aired the show — and the mishap, which became a viral video watched by tens of millions online.

The Poison frontman blamed the network for airing the moment and claimed Tony Awards producers never warned him there would be a set change after he and his band performed Nothin' But a Good Time.

The whack initially left Michaels with a busted lip and broken nose, but also caused brain bleeding. He was hospitalized in April 2010 and doctors found he had a brain hemorrhage and he later suffered a warning stroke, which the musician says nearly killed him.

Michaels' attorney Alex Weingarten said details of the settlement would not be released. "Mr. Michaels would like to thank his fans for their continued support," he wrote in a statement.

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On the web

Kennedy Center to honour Ellen DeGeneres with Mark Twain award, the nation's top humour prize.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Maybe Jay-Z should run for President

THE WORD
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When Jay-Z went on CNN yesterday and was asked about Obama's recent public support of gay marriage, he didn't necessarily say anything groundbreaking.

We're all humans, we're wasting our time talking about this, love happens: you've heard this before.

But, that said, everything sounds so much cooler — so obviously a good idea — when it's delivered with a little Jay-Z swagger. This guy should consider running for office — or calling us:

"I've always thought it as something that was still holding the country back. What people do in their own homes is their business."

Of course it is. I bet your home is nice. It seems like it would smell really nice and have good snacks. Swoon.

"You can choose to love whoever you love."

Like you, for instance. I mean, if Beyonce's cool with it. She's probably not. Forget this part happened.

"It's really not about votes, it's about people. Whether it costs (Obama) votes or not, I think it's the right thing to do as a human being."

We're humans! We love being human. Go humans.

The Cruise moves

We don't know what to make of the June cover of W magazine: we get that it's a joke and Tom Cruise is in character for his upcoming heavy metal musical Rock of Ages, but we suspect he thinks he looks seriously hot here.

Inside, the actor talks about where he learned his Risky Business dance moves, which he puts to good use in the new film. "I did the scene from Risky Business around the house," he tells the magazine. "I would sing Bob Seger — my mother worked, my sisters were out, and I'd turn the music up. I learned how to dance watching Soul Train. I noticed that if a guy could dance, he'd get a lot of attention and girls would want to dance with him. I worked very hard at imitating those moves."

John Travolta

Private Travolta trial set to be 'one hell of a fight'

While John Travolta's second accuser won't be facing the star in a public trial, the lawyer representing him doesn't want people to think they won't be putting up a fight. "I want a full trial with a private judge," Okorie Okorocha tells People magazine in response to reports the case may be heading into mediation. "There is no mediation. There'll never be a settlement. I want privacy for sex crime victims. It looks like (Travolta's attorney Marty Singer) wants one hell of a fight."

Charlize Theron over the moon about becoming a mom

Charlize Theron admits that everything in her life has changed since adopting a baby boy, Jackson, in March.

"It's strangely everything that you've hoped for and it feels so right. I don't know how else to say it," Theron tells E! News.

"I feel like I can't remember anything prior to him. I feel like it was always just meant to be what it is."

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Jessica Alba didn't always like the spotlight

While Jessica Alba is comfortable with her public image now, it wasn't always so easy, she admits — especially back in her Dark Angel days.

"I had a show that premiered when I was 19. And right away, everyone formed a strong opinion about me because of the way I was marketed. I was supposed to be sexy, this tough action girl. That's what people expected," she tells Marie Claire magazine.

"I felt like I was being objectified, and it made me uncomfortable. I wanted to be chic and elegant!"

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Want a beach vacation but can't stand the thought of staying at a mega-resort? In Mexico, you don't have to. Getting Canadians away from crowded beaches and watered-down fruity drinks is Sylvie Laitre's specialty. The director of Mexico Boutique Hotels lives in Puerto Vallarta and has spent 15 years travelling the country looking for hidden gems that offer privacy and tranquility. Here are her Top 5 picks:

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5 top boutique hotels in Mexico

1 Casa de Mita

Location: Punta de Mita, a 45-minute drive from the Puerto Vallarta airport.

Description: With just eight rooms on the property, guests who visit this all-inclusive beachfront property rave about the chef's creations and attentive staff. Each room has a private balcony facing the Pacific Ocean and there are endless activities to enjoy, from getting a massage to playing a round of golf.

Price: $565-$895 per night.

Travel tip: This adults-only resort is so popular it has repeat guests, so book early.

5 Villas Flamingos

Location: Isla Holbox, about three hours north of the Cancun airport.

Description: This funky eco-friendly resort is the exact antithesis of the debauchery that goes on in Cancun. A property that caters to families and couples, guests can stay in suites, a bungalow or rent the island's only beach house. The laid-back atmosphere encourages relaxation and you can walk almost anywhere barefoot.

Price: $107-$497 per night. Includes breakfast for two.

Travel tip: This property is one of a few in the world that can take you swimming with whale sharks.

2 Playa Escondida

Location: Sayulita, a one-hour drive from the Puerto Vallarta airport.

Description: Peaceful, quirky and secluded. Those are the words most people who've stayed here use to describe the resort — almost all also include 'amazing'. Lush with vegetation, this property caters to adventurous Canadians who like the idea of staying in the jungle and having spectacular beach and ocean views.

Price: $150-$400 per night.

Travel tip: The showers for some rooms are outside, but still private, and most people say it just adds to the charm of the property.

3 Capella Ixtapa

Location: A 20-minute drive from the Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo airport.

Description:
Nestled on the side of a rocky cliff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, this 59-suite property is known for its stunning architecture. Guests love that there's a private plunge pool in every room. Trip Advisor reviewers rank it number one out of 25 hotels in Ixtapa.

Price: $275-1,350 per night

Travel tip: This property does not have a beach to laze on all day, but there are two pools, including one that's salt-water.

4 Viceroy Riviera Maya

Location: Playa Xcalacoco, about 20 minutes from Playa del Carmen. Fly into Cancun.

Description: Popular among honeymooners and couples, this property is luxurious, romantic and the perfect place to celebrate a major milestone. Guests rave about the spa, where you can get an ancient Mayan massage or a body treatment where hibiscus flowers are used to encourage radiance and energy back into your skin.

Price: $605-$2,720 per night.

Travel Tip: Most reviewers on Trip Advisor find the food and wine to be expensive. Be prepared to splurge.

3 LIFE

Travel in brief

Skrillex to lead train tour

Grammy-winning dubstep DJ Skrillex will be exploring a different kind of track this summer as he leads a group of electronic artists on a tour through Canada on a private passenger train. The tour will also feature performances by buzzy Montreal artist Grimes, Philadelphia DJ Diplo and Colorado's Pretty Lights. The cross-country trek will kick off on July 13 in Toronto with stops in Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver. The idea was inspired in part by the famous Festival Express tour in the '70s, which saw the likes of Janis Joplin, the Grateful Dead and the Band traverse a similar route across the country.

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The Queen of Nice float parades through the city during Carnival. LIONEL CIRONNEAU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nice: Seaside city not just a sunny spot for the stars

History awaits. Explore 'Vieux Nice,' famous for its flower market, chateau ruins and red-tiled roofs from To Catch a Thief

Fair warning: Spend all the hours you want gazing over the red-tiled roofs of Old Nice, but it's highly unlikely a Cary Grant-lookalike will come scrambling over the chimney pots like the scene in To Catch a Thief, which was set on the Riviera.

Not to worry. There are plenty of other diversions in "Vieux Nice," from strolling its narrow streets, to shopping the famous flower market or dipping a toe in the Mediterranean, mere steps away.

Set on the azure crescent of the Bay of Angels, Nice is the second-largest city in Provence (after Marseille) and easily accessible. Its international airport offers direct flights from the U.S. or connecting flights through Paris. Getting around is quite easy, too, with tramway and bus systems as well as regional trains serving the coast.

Old Nice, the historic part of the city, is a maze of alleys and small squares in a roughly triangular shape bordered by the sea, a hill that was once home to a castle and Boulevard Jean Jaures. It's near the Opera or Cathedral-Vieille Ville tram station and offers a few lodging options including Hotel Beau Rivage and Hotel Suisse.

A few caveats — Old Nice is not without crime, especially at night, so watch your valuables and be careful, especially if you're alone. The weather is generally mild year-round, but the best beach days are in summer, and the biggest crowds are in August, when the French and other Europeans take their holiday.

Al fresco France

In Old Nice, put together a 'pique-nique' of bread, cheese, olives and wine from the shops in the market and enjoy your spread at the Colline du Chateau (Castle Hill) above Old Nice. There's no chateau, but there are ruins, green spaces and a fabulous, panoramic view of Nice and the curving sweep of the waterfront.

The Nice Jazz Festival takes place each July (this year July 8-12) and for winter fun, Carnival unfolds in February, ending on Mardi Gras with parades and "flower battles" in which costumed characters on floats throw flowers into the crowd.

Notable residents have included Matisse and F. Scott Fitzgerald; Angelina Jolie had her twins in a Nice hospital in 2008. But the local celebrity factor is really amped up each spring during the annual film festival in the once-sleepy fishing village of Cannes, about 25 kilometres southwest of Nice (this year May 16-27).

You need credentials to get into the official events, but you can get a taste of the bustling festival by walking along the Croisette, the street that runs next to the beach and is packed with upscale hotels, shopping and cafes.

Eavesdrop on suited executives travelling in pairs and talking distribution deals in New York accents, watch the harassed gendarmes as they try to bring order to traffic, and look on as local photographers make like paparazzi and shoot passersby.

Don't be too flattered if they take your picture; a sales pitch for the photo is the usual followup. For more on ways to enjoy Cannes without a badge, check out the bestofniceblog.com written by American Allison Coe, a longtime resident of Nice.

Options for a sit-down meal in Old Nice range from casual cafes, like Cave de la Tour, to restaurants like Le Bistro Gourmand, which won a Michelin star only a year after opening.

As you wander the city, you'll find buildings in pastel yellow, ocher and pink in the Old Town, most of them hundreds of years old. Take a walk on the Promenade des Anglais, a seaside pathway that got its name in the 19th century from British tourists who would come for wintertime visits on the advice of their doctors to escape the English cold. The walkway stretches for miles, lined with hotels and cafes. You can also rent a chaise lounge and umbrella at one of the private beaches along the promenade.

Back in Vieux Nice, perhaps the best way to appreciate the timeless glamour of the town is to find your way to high ground and enjoy a cocktail or a glass of the local Provencal pale pink rose wine.

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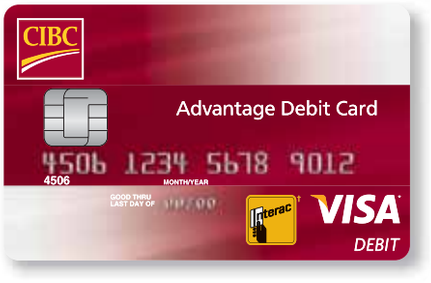

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Jamie Oliver wants you

On May 19, the famous British chef asks you to join his healthy-eating crusade, a.k.a. Food Revolution Day
'I'm not anti-burger or anti-pizza. I'm anti- shit food,' he says

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Metro World News

Chef Jamie Oliver has devoted his career to fighting unhealthy eating — and you can see why: Global obesity has more than doubled since 1980. Each year, 2.8 million adults around the world die as a result of being overweight.

On Saturday May 19, the British TV star launches his latest effort, Food Revolution Day, a global campaign that asks you to think about eating right: host a food event serving organic foods, or a locally-sourced dinner party, or start a campaign at work or school.

Check out foodrevolutionday.com for more ideas and events in your city.

Here's Oliver on why you should join the movement:

The obesity crisis: How did we end up here?

The main issue is the Western diet: it's single-handedly more responsible for damage to global health than anything else. In so many Western countries, we have three generations of people who were never taught how to cook at home. Both parents were at work, food education at school is so shit, they can't learn there. I've been in houses where kids only hydrate on fizzy drinks and show no interest in tap water. And technology, freezing techniques and processed foods have only made things worse.

Will the world ever get healthy again?

I actually think that multinationals and fast-food companies are the best people to lead the change. If they chose to get behind healthy eating, they would do a better job than any other government or individual. If you thought the oil and petrol industry was complicated and causing wars, think again. The food industry is on another level. The problem is the corruption between food industries and governments. We need to address smaller issues like chicken farming or pink slime. Stop these products from ever being registered. How f—ing dare they?

And how will the Food Revolution Day help?

I'm not anti-burger or anti-pizza; I'm anti- shit food. With Food Revolution Day, I'm trying to get as many people as possible to stir the pot. We all need to become a little fussier about what we put in our gobs [mouths].

When you put something in your mouth, it's a very personal thing that affects you straight away.

You've already tried to change North American food habits once. What makes you think that they will listen to you this time?

I expect nothing. People may not want me around but I don't think I've ever wasted my time. I don't give a shit if people think I'm crazy. North America is difficult, as it's where a lot of the unhealthy foods and brands are created. It's the eye of the storm. Most countries eventually follow their trends, whether they like it or not.

Ultimately, though, do you think most Americans would rather go to McDonald's than go to the gym?

Things need to change otherwise the whole country will come to a standstill. People won't be mobile. It's a question of national security. How can you train an army if the nation is obese? Progress will happen. They have no choice.

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Could environmental building construction be a match for your skills and passion to help others? ISTOCK IMAGES

For the past decade, Celeste Baine has been attempting to hook high school students on engineering.

Through her Oregon-based company, Engineering Education Service Center, she leads workshops for both students and teachers, develops curricula for middle and high school students and even sells kitschy engineering-themed pins and shirts on the EESC website.

She's also published more than two dozen engineering career guides.

Her latest — The Green Engineer: Engineering Careers to Save the Earth — explores a plethora of job opportunities in the eco-minded economy.

"I look at these career guides from a different perspective. I like to actively ask the reader: 'What is it that you really like to do?' and lead them to the kinds of engineering jobs that involve those things," says Baine.

"I feel like millennials are very altruistic. So this book is an attempt to match that altruism with a career in engineering."

In a brief 146 pages, Green Engineer profiles careers in alternative fuels, public transportation, environmental building construction, resources management and more. Each chapter includes a summary pinpointing specific jobs within the field and the training required for each of them.

"A lot of people don't think of engineering and sustainability as tied together. But almost every kind of engineering is dealing with questions of sustainability," says Baine.

"If students are interested in a green career, there isn't a specific degree they need. They should get out there and do the thing that is most fascinating to them, and link it back to green engineering when they're looking for employment."

Skills stretch?

Write your resumé with caution

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Lying on your resumé can get you fired — or at least land you in very hot water. That is what Yahoo and its current CEO Scott Thompson learned last week when it was widely reported that he did not earn the computer science degree that his resumé claimed.

According to Thompson, an executive search firm added the degree to his resumé years ago and when it wrote his public biography, the story just stuck there.

Studies reveal that resumé falsification is actually a common event. Statistics suggest that as many as fifty per cent of all resumés contain some degree of distortion — from white lies to outright whoppers. So where will courts draw the line?

A few years ago "Doctor" Richard Clark applied for a job as a consultant with Coopers & Lybrand. In his application for the job, he represented that he had a PhD in applied mathematics, which helped him land the job.

Coopers sent a memo to all staff welcoming "Doctor" Clark and it distributed his credentials as part of business pitches to earn more work. However, a few years later, Coopers learned that Clark did not hold this degree and fired him immediately, arguing he would have never been hired had the firm known the truth about his resumé.

Clark sued but later lost, as both a trial judge and the Ontario Court of Appeal concluded that Clark could not benefit from his own wrongdoing.

Lying about academic qualifications is an extreme example. More often employees explain prior terminations for performance as "restructuring" just as they will find an excuse to avoid proffering their former boss as a reference. Neither of these explanations are technically true and most of the time they go unchecked.

In order for these types of lies to amount to cause for dismissal, it must be shown that the employer based its decision to hire, in part, on those statements.

The law implies that not every act of dishonesty can lead to termination. Often, context can come before content and a mere error in judgment can be overlooked. However, when it comes to a resumé, it's still best to stick to the truth.

'What I meant to say was...'

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Earlier this year, I learned that I was shortlisted for a job alongside one other candidate.

I'd submitted a portfolio, interviewed with my potential supervisor, wrote a set of sample pieces, and was (obviously) really eager to learn whether or not I'd be making the cut.

Lucky for me, I had an inside source to scoop who my competition was and why we were the two left standing. What I wasn't expecting was to discover that our strengths and weaknesses both had to do with our proficiency with language: the other candidate's written French was much more polished than mine, but I'd demonstrated my understanding of HTML and CSS.

Fast-forwarding a tad, you should know that neither of us got the job as the company underwent a bit of a hiring freeze (it happens). But I was still intrigued by my competition's lack of knowledge of markup languages. How is it, considering how prevalent the Internet and technology are in most fields nowadays, that some still don't know how to code?

Sure, it's as easy now as it ever was to fully customize your Tumblr, Blogger or Twitter page with a simple click or drag and drop. A decade ago, we were doing it with GeoCities and LiveJournal. Except it gets tiresome seeing the same layout over and over again — with all the blogs and personal websites out there, standing out is key. In this day and age, design is important.

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Being proficient with computer languages is one trait many employers are looking for. ISTOCK

Online resources

The Internet is crawling with resources for beginner code-monkeys.

- **Back to basics.** The first site I ever looked to for HTML how-to was Lissa Explains. Don't let the eye-popping fluorescent-themed colour scheme fool you — it's extremely useful. If you've never encountered anything code-related before, this site is fantastic because it's meant for kids.
- **Instant gratification.** It works lesson-by-lesson and when you understand key concepts, it gives you badges and points.

Student voices

Casting a 'net' to reel in a job

Shannon Gallagher. CONTRIBUTED

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I found my current employer, a digital agency called rtraction, through networking on Twitter. I learned about the company and people through their extensive use of Twitter and had interacted with several of them personally before approaching them for the opportunity to work as a marketing intern.

There wasn't an existing position or opening, but they had me in to chat and decided that they would like to have me on the team, and that was how the marketing internship position was created.

Employers: please interact with students and recent grads on social media sites! It's where we are, and it's where we look for employers (depending on the industry). There is huge potential to interest future employees, solicit feedback, and grow/maintain a positive corporate image.

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Just a few years ago, my job didn't even exist. Now, some 79 per cent of corporations have jumped on the bandwagon, hiring social-media and community managers to drive their online efforts. The growth is astounding and it's a role that's here to stay.

I've worked in social media for the past three years now and it's been an incredibly rewarding experience. It's the perfect job if you're someone who enjoys interacting with people (remember, it is 'social' media!) and thrives on creativity, risk and experimentation.

But what are employers looking for when hiring someone to fill this role? Hint: they're not looking for someone who can stare at their Facebook feed all day.

Adaptability and versatility
Online and social media is one of the most — if not the most — fast-paced and booming industries. New technologies and tools emerge and fall everyday. Social media and community managers must be quick to adapt to new trends and understand how to apply them to a company's advantage.

More than that, they often have to be comfortable wearing different hats and juggling different skills. You must be a researcher, a communicator, a writer, an event-planner … all at the same time.

Solid communications skills
Well, this is a bit obvious. After all, a career in social media is ultimately a career in communications. But I can't stress enough how essential writing and verbal skills are. Social media come in different forms — blog posts, videos, Twitter, you name it … and you need to be the Jack (or Jill) of all communication trades.

Flexibility and constant connection
Conversations don't stop the minute you walk out of the office. The thing about the online world is that it operates 24/7 and conversations will happen with or without you.

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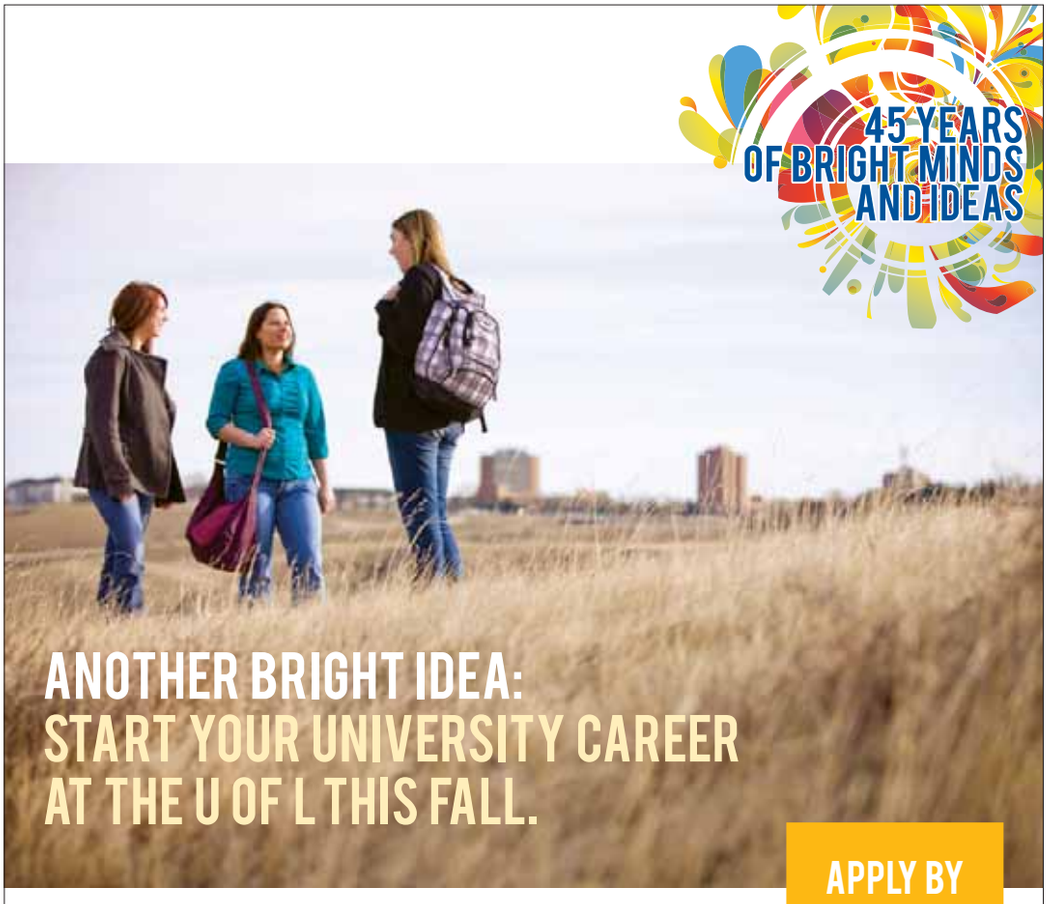

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1 in 3 young adults with autism lack jobs, education

Growing concern.
'There is a wave of young children with autism who are aging toward adulthood'

One in three young adults with autism have no paid job experience, college or technical schooling nearly seven years after high school graduation, a study finds. That's a poorer showing than those with other disabilities including those who are mentally disabled, the researchers said.

With roughly half a million autistic kids reaching adulthood in the next decade, experts say it's an issue policymakers urgently need to address.

The study was done well before unemployment peaked from the recession. The situation today is tough even for young adults who don't have such limitations.

Ian Wells of Allentown, N.J., is 21, autistic and won't graduate from high school until next year. He is unlikely to attend college because of his autism. He wants a job but has only found unpaid internships and is currently working part-time and unpaid as a worker at a fastener factory.

Ian Wells, 21, of Allentown, N.J., has autism and has had trouble finding paid employment. COURTESY OF JEFF MARTIN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

He's a hard worker, with good mechanical skills, but has trouble reading and speaking, said his mother, Barbara Wells. She said his difficulties understanding social cues and body language can make other people uncomfortable.

The study, published online Monday in Pediatrics, was based on data from 2007-08. It found that within two years of leaving high school, more than half of those with autism had no job experience, college or technical education.

Things improved as they got older. Yet nearly seven years after high school, 35 per cent of autistic young adults still had no paid employment or education beyond high school.

Those figures compare with 26 per cent of mentally disabled young adults, seven per cent of young adults with speech and language problems, and three per cent of those with learning disabilities.

Those with autism may fare worse because many also have each of the other disabilities studied.

The researchers analyzed data from a national study of kids receiving special education services, prepared for the U.S. Department of Education. About 2,000 young adults with one of four types of disabilities were involved, including 500 with autism.

It's the largest study to date on the topic and the results "are quite a cause for concern," said lead author Paul Shattuck, an assistant professor at Washington University's Brown School of Social Work in St. Louis.

"There is this wave of young children who have been diagnosed with autism who are aging toward adulthood. We're kind of setting ourselves up for a scary situation if we don't think about that and how we're going to help these folks and their families," Shattuck said.

Government data suggest that 1 in 88 U.S. kids have autism and there's evidence that the rate is rising.

Within the next 10 years, more than 500,000 kids with autism will reach adulthood, said Peter Bell, vice-president for programs and services at Autism Speaks, an advocacy group that helped pay for the study.

"It's a huge, huge issue," Bell said. "Unfortunately there are many families that really struggle to understand what that transition ultimately entails. ...They face the reality of having a child who may potentially not be able to have enough services to keep them busy during the day. It's only going to get worse."

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A mother's worry

"I'm very afraid about his prospects for ever finding long-term employment. It keeps me up at night."

Barbara Wells, speaking about her 21-year-old son who has autism

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NBA

Pacers steal one in Miami

David West scored 16 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, George Hill added 15 and the Indiana Pacers took home-court advantage away from Miami by beating the Heat, 78-75, in Game 2 of the teams' Eastern Conference semifinal series Tuesday night.

LeBron James scored 28 points for Miami and Dwyane Wade finished with 24, but both missed big chances for the Heat late. James missed two free throws with 54.3 seconds left and Miami down one, and Wade was short on a layup that would have tied the game with 16 seconds remaining.

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Indiana's Leandro Barbosa tries to shoot while guarded by Shane Battier in Miami on Tuesday.

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NBA

Fresh Spurs wear down Clippers

Tim Duncan had 26 points and 10 rebounds and the San Antonio Spurs, recharged after a weeklong layoff, wore down the busy Los Angeles Clippers to win Game 1 of their Western Conference semifinals series, 108-92 on Tuesday night.

Playing for the sixth time in 11 days, the Clippers gave San Antonio its toughest first half of the playoffs before fading fast.

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Goaltender Jonathan Quick defends his net as his Kings teammate Slave Voynov tracks Phoenix's Martin Hanzal on Tuesday in Glendale, Ariz.

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Kings on the Quick road to cup final

NHL. Los Angeles dominant again in Phoenix

Jeff Carter scored three goals, Jonathan Quick stopped 24 shots and the Los Angeles Kings matched an NHL record with their seventh straight road playoff victory, beating the Phoenix Coyotes 4-0 Tuesday night to take control of Western Conference final.

Los Angeles dominated the opener and was even better in Game 2, withstanding Phoenix's initial push and string of penalties for a 2-0 series lead.

Dwight King scored his third goal in two games and Quick tied a team record with his third career playoff shutout to give the Kings a dominating lead heading into Game 3 Thursday night in Los Angeles.

The Kings have won nine straight road playoff games in two seasons, matching the NHL record set by the New York Islanders from 1982-83.

The Islanders won the Stanley Cup both of those years.

Quick matched Felix Potvin's team record for playoff shutouts and Carter finished off his first career playoff hat trick in the third period, securing the Kings' seventh straight win overall.

The Coyotes played better early and fell apart late, becoming frustrated after being unable to contain the more-skilled Kings.

Game 2

Kings	Coyotes
4	0

Phoenix was hit with a string of penalties starting late in the second period, including a game misconduct to captain Shane Doan for boarding Kings centre Trevor Lewis. Martin Hanzal also received one for boarding Dustin Brown in the third period and the Coyotes had 13 penalties for 56 minutes — most coming after the final five minutes of the second period.

The Kings won the opener 4-2 by outplaying and outhustling Phoenix.

Knowing Phoenix's makeup, the Kings figured to get more of a pushback in Game 2.

And the Coyotes were much more aggressive early, winning some of the individual battles they lost in Game 1 while creating some decent scoring chances.

Even with all of Phoenix's hard work and a couple of line changes by coach Dave Tippett, the Kings still managed to score first. King got it, redirecting a shot by Drew Doughty that beat Mike Smith stick side late in the period.

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4 SPORTS

CFL

Stamps sign first pick

The Stampeders have their first pick in this year's draft under contract. The CFL club signed defensive lineman Ameet Pall on Tuesday after taking the 25-year-old fifth overall on May 3. The Montreal native played four seasons at Wofford College, making 29 tackles, including two sacks, last season.

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On the web

The Staples Center in Los Angeles will easily be the busiest building in pro sports later this week as it hosts six playoff games in four days. Scan the code to find out how officials plan to solve the Kings, Lakers, Clippers puzzle.

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MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	23	14	.622	—
Tampa Bay	23	14	.622	—
New York	20	16	.556	2½
Toronto	**19**	**18**	**.514**	**4**
Boston	17	19	.472	5½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	20	16	.556	—
Detroit	18	18	.500	2
Chicago	17	20	.459	3½
Kansas City	15	20	.429	4½
Minnesota	10	26	.278	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	23	14	.622	—
Oakland	19	18	.514	4
Los Angeles	16	21	.432	7
Seattle	16	22	.421	7½

Yesterday's results
Tampa Bay 4 **Toronto 3**
Baltimore 5 N.Y. Yankees 2
L.A. Angels 4 Oakland 0
Cleveland 5 Minnesota 0
Detroit 10 Chicago White Sox 8
Boston 5 Seattle 0
Kansas City 7 Texas 4
Monday's results
Tampa Bay 7 **Toronto 1**
Chicago White Sox 7 Detroit 5
Oakland 5 L.A. Angels 0
Kansas City 3 Texas 1
N.Y. Yankees 8 Baltimore 5
Boston 6 Seattle 1
Cleveland 5 Minnesota 4
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Minnesota (Blackburn 1-4) at Detroit (Porcello 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (F.Hernandez 3-2) at Cleveland (Jimenez 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Kuroda 3-4) at **Toronto (Drabek 2-4),** 7:07 p.m.
Boston (Buchholz 4-1) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 3-0), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Milone 5-2) at Texas (Darvish 5-1), 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Tom.Hunter 2-2) at Kansas City (F.Paulino 1-1), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Floyd 3-3) at L.A. Angels (Williams 3-1), 10:05 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Seattle at Cleveland, 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 1:05 p.m.
Oakland at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Kansas City, 2:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at **Toronto**, 7:07 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 7:10 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Hamilton Tex	33	130	30	52	.400
Jeter NYY	35	150	24	55	.367
Ortiz Bos	35	136	25	47	.346
Konerko CWS	36	131	19	45	.344
Sweeney Bos	30	111	10	37	.333
Andrus Tex	35	141	24	46	.326
AJackson Det	35	133	27	43	.323
ACabrera Cle	30	119	20	38	.319
Pedroia Bos	35	147	26	46	.313
MiCabrera Det	36	146	19	45	.308

RBI—Hamilton, Texas, 44; MiCabrera, Det, 31; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 29;** ADunn, Chi, 28.
Runs—Kinsler, Tex, 32; Hamilton, Tex, 30; De Aza, Chi, 27; AJackson, Det, 27; AdJones, Bal, 27.
Yesterday's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	23	14	.622	—
Washington	22	14	.611	½
New York	20	16	.556	2½
Miami	19	17	.528	3½
Philadelphia	18	19	.486	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	21	15	.583	—
Cincinnati	18	17	.514	2½
Pittsburgh	17	19	.472	4
Milwaukee	16	20	.444	5
Chicago	15	21	.417	6
Houston	15	21	.417	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	24	11	.686	—
San Francisco	18	17	.514	6
Arizona	15	21	.417	9½
Colorado	13	21	.382	10½
San Diego	13	24	.351	12

Yesterday's results
Miami 6 Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 7 Chicago Cubs 6
San Diego 6 Washington 1
Philadelphia 4 Houston 3 (10 inn.)
Atlanta 6 Cincinnati 2
Milwaukee 8 N.Y. Mets 0
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers
Colorado at San Francisco
Monday's results
San Francisco 3 Colorado 2
Cincinnati 3 Atlanta 1
Philadelphia 5 Houston 1
Washington 8 San Diego 5
N.Y. Mets 3 Milwaukee 1
Chicago Cubs 6 St. Louis 4
Pittsburgh 3 Miami 2
L.A. Dodgers 3 Arizona 1
Tonight's games — All times Eastern
L.A. Dodgers (Capuano 5-0) at San Diego (Richard 1-5), 6:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Bedard 2-4) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 4-1), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 0-5) at N.Y. Mets (J.Santana 1-2), 7:10 p.m.
Miami (Buehrle 2-4) at Atlanta (Minor 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Wolf 2-3) at Houston (Norris 3-1), 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (K.Kendrick 0-3) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 2-1), 8:05 p.m.
Arizona (Corbin 2-1) at Colorado (Moyer 1-3), 8:40 p.m.
St. Louis (J.Garcia 2-2) at San Francisco (Bumgarner 5-2), 10:15 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Cincinnati at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Arizona at Colorado, 3:10 p.m.
St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:45 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:10 p.m.
Milwaukee at Houston, 8:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago Cubs, 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
DWright NYM	32	118	25	47	.398
Furcal StL	35	142	26	51	.359
Kemp LAD	34	117	29	42	.359
LaHair ChC	33	108	17	38	.352
Jay StL	27	105	18	36	.343
McCutchen Pit	32	118	19	40	.339
MeCabrera SF	35	145	21	49	.338
Ruiz Phi	33	104	16	35	.337
DanMurphy NYM	35	141	13	47	.333
Bourn Atl	36	157	25	52	.331

Yesterday's games not included

RAYS 4, BLUE JAYS 3

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Toronto	ab	r	h	bi
Zobrist rf	5	0	3	1	KJhnsn 2b	4	0	1	0
BUpton cf	4	0	1	0	YEscor ss	4	0	0	0
Joyce lf	4	0	2	0	Bautist rf	4	1	1	1
C.Pena 1b	4	0	1	0	Encrnc 1b	4	1	1	2
Scott dh	4	0	0	0	BFrncs dh	3	0	0	0
SRdrgz 3b	4	1	1	1	Thams ph	1	0	0	0
Rhyms 2b	4	2	2	0	Lawrie 3b	3	0	1	0
JMolin c	4	1	0	0	Rasms cf	4	0	0	0
EJhnsn ss	4	0	2	0	Mathis c	3	0	0	0
RDavis lf	3	1	2	0					
Totals	**37**	**4**	**12**	**2**	**Totals**		**33**	**3**	**6**	**3**
Tampa Bay					**000**	**010**	**300**	**—4**	
Toronto					**003**	**000**	**000**	**—3**	

E—J.Molina (2), E.Johnson (2), R.Davis (2), Y.Escobar (6), Lawrie (6), H.Alvarez (2). DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Tampa Bay 6, Toronto 4. 2B—Zobrist 2 (9), R.Davis (3). HR—S.Rodriguez (3), Encarnacion (12). SB—Lawrie (5), R.Davis (6). CS—E.Johnson (2).

Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Price W,6-2	7	6	3	3	0	6
Jo.Peralta H,8	1	0	0	0	0	0
Rodney S,11-11	1	0	0	0	0	2
Toronto						
H.Alvarez L,3-3	6 2-3	10	4	2	0	1
Oliver	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Frasor	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Janssen	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Price (Lawrie). WP—H.Alvarez.
T—2:36. A—15,612 (49,260).

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

ITALIAN OPEN

At Rome
Men's Singles — First Round
Juan Martin Del Potro (10), Argentina, def. Michael Llodra, France, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.
Gilles Simon (11), France, def. Donald Young, U.S., 6-2, 7-5.
Juan Monaco (14), Argentina, def. Adrian Ungur, Romania, 6-2, 6-2.
Marcel Granollers, Spain, def. Feliciano Lopez (15), Spain, 6-4, 6-4.
Richard Gasquet (16), France, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-1, 7-6 (6).
Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, def. Pablo Andujar, Spain, 6-4, 6-1.
Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 6-4.
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2.
Men's Singles — Second Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-3, 6-3.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. David Nalbandian, Argentina, 6-1, 4-6, 7-5.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (5), France, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-3, 6-2.
Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, def. Gael Monfils (13), France, 7-5, 6-3.
David Ferrer, Spain, def. Fernando Verdasco, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Women's Singles — First Round
Serena Williams (9), U.S., def. Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 6-3.
Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Sabine Lisicki (11), Germany, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3.
Dominika Cibulkova (14), Slovakia, def. Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, 6-1, 6-2.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Jelena Jankovic (15), Serbia, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (4).
Flavia Pennetta, Italy, def. Maria Kirilenko (16), Russia, 6-1, 7-6 (2).
Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-2, 6-1.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(New York leads 1-0)
Monday's result
N.Y. Rangers 3 New Jersey 0
Tonight's game
New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Monday, May 21
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, May 23
x-New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.
Friday, May 25
x-N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 8 p.m.
Sunday, May 27
x-New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

PHOENIX (3) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles leads 2-0)
Last night's result
Los Angeles 4 Phoenix 0
Tomorrow's game
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Sunday's game
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.
Tuesday, May 22
x-Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Thursday, May 24
x-Phoenix at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday, May 26
x-Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
x — if necessary.

KINGS 4, COYOTES 0

First Period
1. Los Angeles, King 4 (Doughty, Lewis) 13:15
Penalties — Whitney Pho (hooking) 8:53, Gordon Pho (tripping) 14:30, Penner LA (tripping) 17:44.
Second Period
2. Los Angeles, Carter 2 (Penner, Richards) 4:47
3. Los Angeles, Carter 3 (Kopitar, Williams) 18:49 (pp)
Penalties — Clifford LA (holding stick) 9:18, Yandle Pho (roughing) 14:57, Langkow Pho (slashing), Doan Pho (boarding major, game misconduct; served by Brule) 16:29, Brown LA (diving), Smith Pho (slashing; served by Korpikoski) 18:00.
Third Period
4. Los Angeles, Carter 4 (Brown, Kopitar) 12:56 (pp)
Penalties — King LA (goaltender interference) 3:34, Lewis LA (tripping) 6:07, Hanzal Pho (boarding major, game misconduct; served by Brule) 11:01, Morris Pho (kneeing) 12:43, Penner LA (double roughing, misconduct), Vermette Pho (roughing, misconduct), Ekman-Larsson Pho (roughing) 13:18.
Shots on goal

Los Angeles	15	17	8	40
Phoenix	8	8	8	24

Goal — Los Angeles: Quick (W,10-1-0); Phoenix: Smith (L,8-5-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Los Angeles: 2-8; Phoenix: 0-4.
Att. — 17,149 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

LACROSSE

NLL PLAYOFFS

CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday's game
CHAMPIONS CUP
Edmonton at Rochester, 7:30 p.m., EST

HOCKEY

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PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Canada	**7**	**6**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**35**	**15**	**19**
x-U.S.	7	4	2	0	1	32	17	16
x-Finland	7	5	0	0	2	21	14	15
x-Slovakia	7	5	0	0	2	21	13	15
France	7	3	0	0	4	21	32	9
Switzerland	7	2	0	0	5	16	21	6
Belarus	7	1	0	0	6	11	23	3
Kazakhstan	7	0	0	1	6	11	33	1

GROUP B

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pt
x-Russia	7	7	0	0	0	27	8	21
x-Sweden	7	6	0	0	1	30	15	18
x-Czech Rep.	7	4	1	0	2	24	11	14
x-Norway	7	4	0	1	2	33	19	13
Latvia	7	2	0	0	5	11	20	6
Germany	7	2	0	0	5	14	31	6
Denmark	7	1	0	1	5	13	23	4
Italy	7	0	1	0	6	6	31	2

x — clinched berth in championship playoffs.
Note: 3 points for a regulation win, 2 for an overtime win and 1 for an overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
At Helsinki
Canada 5 Belarus 1
Slovakia 5 France 4
U.S. 5 Switzerland 2
At Stockholm
Czech Republic 8 Germany 1
Norway 6 Denmark 2
Sweden 5 Latvia 0
END OF PRELIMINARY ROUND
Monday's results
At Helsinki
France 2 Belarus 1
Finland 4 Kazakhstan 1
At Stockholm
Denmark 2 Latvia 0
Russia 4 Italy 0

PLAYOFFS

Tomorrow's game
QUARTER-FINALS
At Helsinki
Canada vs. Slovakia, 6 a.m., EDT

CANADA 5, BELARUS 1

At Helsinki, Finland
First Period
1. Canada, O'Reilly 1 (Ladd, Keith) 2:16
2. Belarus, S. Kostitsyn (Kovyrshin, A. Kostitsyn) 14:25
Penalty — Korobov Bel (holding) 14:40.
Second Period
3. Canada, Perry 3 (Getzlaf, Keith) 9:10 (pp)
4. Canada, Getzlaf 2 (Kane, Perry) 12:46
5. Canada, Nugent-Hopkins 4 (Tavares, Sharp) 14:11 (pp)
Penalties — Drozd Bel (tripping) 6:38; Kalyuzhny Bel (hooking) 7:22; A. Kostitsyn (boarding, game misconduct) 13:32; Tavares Can (double roughing), Stas Bel (roughing), Stasenko Bel (10-minute misconduct) 14:11; Koltsov Bel (delay of game) 17:03; Burrows Can (tripping) 19:26.
Third Period
6. Canada, O'Reilly 2 (Ladd) 8:16
Penalties — Kane Can (roughing) 13:58; Schenn Can (boarding, game misconduct) 16:14; Methot Can (boarding, game misconduct) 19:53.
Shots on goal

Belarus	6	5	7	—18
Canada	9	13	6	—28

Goal — Belarus: Milchakov (L,0-2-0); Canada: Ward (W,4-0-1). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Belarus: 0-5; Canada: 2-5.
Attendance — 9,140 at Helsinki.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (2) VS. INDIANA (3)
(Series tied 1-1)
Last night's result
Indiana 78 Miami 75
Tomorrow's game
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Sunday's game
Miami at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
BOSTON (4) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Series tied 1-1)
Monday's result
Philadelphia 82 Boston 81
Tonight's game
Boston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
Boston at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(San Antonio leads 1-0)
Last night's result
San Antonio 108 L.A. Clippers 92
Tomorrow's game
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio, 9:30 p.m.
OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. L.A. LAKERS (3)
(Oklahoma City leads 1-0)
Monday's result
Oklahoma City 119 L.A. Lakers 90
Tonight's game
L.A. Lakers at Oklahoma City 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
New York	11	7	3	1	23	16	22
Kansas City	10	7	3	0	13	7	21
D.C.	12	5	4	3	20	16	18
Chicago	9	4	2	3	11	10	15
Houston	9	3	3	3	8	9	12
New England	10	4	6	0	12	13	12
Montreal	11	3	5	3	12	16	12
Columbus	9	3	4	2	8	11	11
Philadelphia	9	2	6	1	7	12	7
Toronto	8	0	8	0	6	18	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Salt Lake	13	8	3	2	19	12	26
San Jose	11	7	2	2	22	12	23
Seattle	10	7	2	1	13	4	22
Vancouver	10	5	3	2	10	11	17
Colorado	10	5	5	0	15	12	15
Dallas	12	3	6	3	11	18	12
Los Angeles	10	3	5	2	12	15	11
Chivas USA	10	3	6	1	6	12	10
Portland	10	2	5	3	9	13	9

Last night's result
Portland 0 Houston 0
Tonight's game
All times Eastern
Colorado at D.C., 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Seattle at Vancouver, 5 p.m.
Houston at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at D.C., 7:30 p.m.
New York at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chivas USA, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
Chicago at Portland, 7 p.m.

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The Escape's new "Intelligent" all-wheel-drive system is available on both turbocharged models. According to Ford, it continually assesses road conditions and driver inputs "about 20 times faster than the blink of an eye" and can shift up to 100 per cent of the available power to either the front or rear wheels for maximum grip.

Curve Control

The Escape is the first Ford to incorporate Torque Vectoring Control and Curve Control. The idea is to distribute the correct amount of power to each wheel when cornering so that the vehicle sticks to the intended path. A display screen keeps you informed as to where the power is being directed.

2013 Ford Escape

- **Type.** Four-door, front- /all-wheel-drive compact tall wagon.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (168); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (173); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (237).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $23,000.

The only transmission available on the Escape is a six-speed automatic.

Engines

Ford has advanced powerplant choices and has done so without resorting to a V6 option. Base front-wheel-drive models run with a 168-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder, while front- and all-wheel-drive SE and SEL designations use a 173-horsepower 1.6-litre turbocharged "EcoBoost" four-cylinder.

Review. After 12 years, you had to know Ford's change was going to be huge

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

For the past 12 seasons, the Ford Escape has proven a popular choice with buyers of entry-priced wagons. In car terms, 12 years is a lifetime — or two lifetimes, even — so the arrival of a successor to one of the company's top sellers is way overdue.

With an impressive sales history on its side, it's important that the Blue Oval automaker get it right with the soon-to-arrive 2013 Escape.

According to Ford's own statistics, the Escape and its ilk are exactly the type of conveyance that many folks are contemplating for their next vehicle purchase.

Accordingly, the new Escape presents a clean-sheet design-and-content approach to satisfy the needs of multi-continent customers (it's called the Kuga in Europe and elsewhere).

The sleeker look is radically different from the outgoing Escape's boxiness, which would otherwise mean a reduction in interior room. But with slightly larger dimensions overall, including an extra seven centimetres between the front and rear wheels, the result is greater rear-seat room plus slightly more passenger and cargo volume with the back seat in place or folded flat.

The Escape's "world-car" approach should play well in North America where most vehicles in its class look more like tall passenger cars.

Given the highly competitive small utility category with the likes of the Hyundai Tucson, Mazda CX-5 and Kia Sportage, the Escape's advanced mechanicals and handsome looks should keep it relevant for at least another dozen years.

And with a $23,000 base price, it's new style and technology that's affordable.

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S.H.I.E.L.D. agency depends on superhero power — and Acuras

In the spotlight. Automaker getting some serious exposure in films like The Avengers

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Don't you just hate it when supervillains from other worlds descend upon New York City? The mess! The congestion! The cancellation of sporting and cultural events! The difficulty in hailing a cab! And how about the looming possibility of Earth's annihilation?

So thank heavens for S.H.I.E.L.D., the international peacekeeping agency of the Marvel Comics Universe.

With Nick Fury running the show, and its crack team of operatives and scientists, the agency is well equipped to take care of extraterrestrial incidents.

When things get really hairy, as it did in New York recently, Fury is even able to call upon the services of The Avengers, a disparate but effective band of superheroes.

But let's talk about the cars and trucks used by S.H.I.E.L.D. They're all Acura vehicles — MDX and ZDX crossovers, and TL sedans. Did anybody else notice this?

Your investigative reporter certainly did, and was determined to find out how and why Acura was so entrenched with S.H.I.E.L.D. To that end, we immediately requested an interview with Nick Fury, but he was unavailable (something about being buried in script development on a project called Snakes on a Plane, the Prequel).

But we did manage to talk to David Gardner, vice-president of marketing and sales for Acura Canada. Turns out that Acura America struck a promotional and marketing deal with Marvel Studios, and the deal actually goes back to the Iron Man II film.

Acura is in the midst of launching several new products with the new brand tagline, "When man and machine connect, extraordinary happens."

According to Gardner, a continued association with Iron Man seemed like a no-brainer, considering that the heavy-metal superhero is man-machine exaggerated and glorified.

In addition to the timing and Iron Man content, The Avengers is all about excitement, another element that Acura wants to incorporate into its revised brand promise.

"If you watch that movie, there is no way you can say that wasn't an exciting event," says Gardner. "Excitement, emotion, engagement are what we're after at Acura."

He notes that Acura's excitement and emotional appeal has been a little lacking of late, because of its increased dependence on SUVs and crossovers, which now make up about 56 per cent of overall sales volume.

"What really builds brand image in premium segments are the sedans and the sports sedans," says Gardner.

So get ready for more focus on sporting sedans from Acura, starting with the all-new entry-level ILX this spring, and the new RLX flagship sedan next spring.

And about 36 months away is the ultimate sporting-premium Acura — the mid-engine supercar known as NSX. Although only shown in concept form so far, a convertible version made a cameo appearance at the very end of the movie, with Tony Stark in the driver's seat.

Acura's latest new vehicle, the redesigned RDX crossover, also makes a cameo appearance.

We could tell you when and where exactly, but we won't. Because the only thing worse than super-aliens destroying your afternoon in New York is breaching movie-spoiler etiquette.

Actor Robert Downey Jr., a.k.a. Iron Man, arrives at The Avengers premiere in a convertible version of the Acura NSX concept. ACURA

Samuel L. Jackson, who plays Nick Fury in The Avengers, is pictured with a militarized Acura MDX at The Avengers premiere. ACURA

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Torque (lb.-ft.)	186	161	170
Automatic Transmission	6 Speed	5 Speed	6 Speed
Fog Lights	✓	✗	✗
Power Driver Seat	✓	✓	✗
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Horsepower (hp)	191	185	171
Torque (lb.-ft.)	181	163	171
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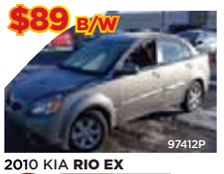

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Last-gen RDX was flexible, fun to drive

Second Gear.
2007 to 2012
Acura RDX

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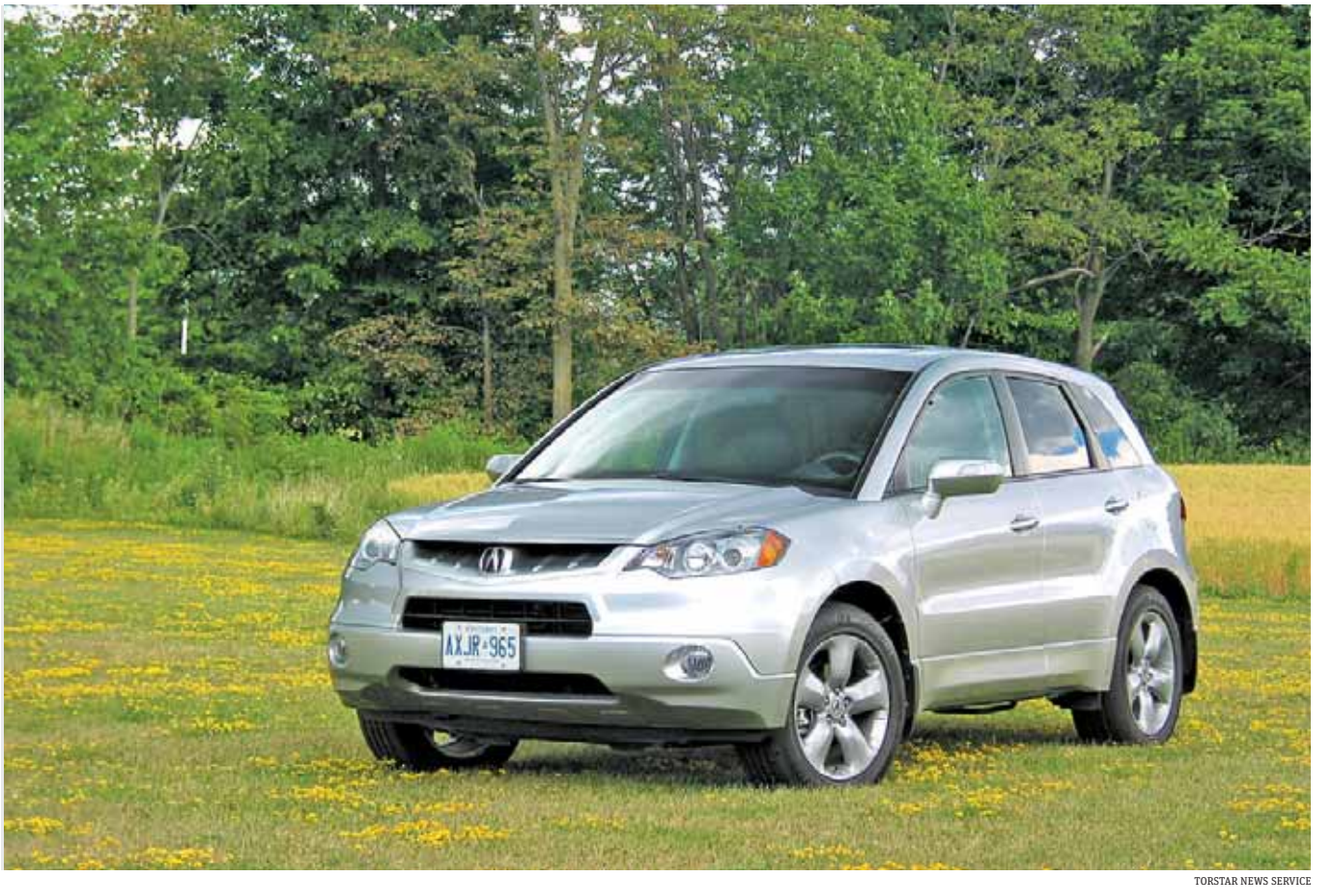
Sporty, agile and packing Acura's patented SH-AWD system, the RDX was a premium compact crossover sport ute that was heavy on the "sport." Competing with the Audi Q5, Infiniti EX and others, the RDX boasted five-passenger seating, a flexible cabin and a laundry-list of must-have gadgets.

With suspension and chassis calibrations intended for driving pleasure over all-out comfort, the RDX was a machine that intended to connect with the enthusiast.



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Common Issues

The RDX should be inspected for signs of leakage from the transmission, torque converter seal and rear differential.

Since the RDX is equipped with a turbocharger, shoppers are advised to check for any signs of smoke, either at start-up or after a drive. This could indicate that the turbocharger is wearing out. Note that this component may be pricey to replace, but should last the life of the vehicle if frequent oil changes are carried out. Note that any transmission-related issues with jerkiness, rough shifting or "slippage" could be caused by a poorly-charged battery or bad sensor. If you note any issues with gear shifting, be sure to have the transmission and associated electronics inspected by a mechanic.

Engine

All models got a 2.3-litre VTEC Turbo four-cylinder engine producing 240 horsepower and 260 lb.-ft of torque. A paddle-shiftable five-speed automatic was standard.

What Owners Like

Performance, handling, style and overall value were highly rated by Acura RDX owners.

Flexible, all-season utility and confident traction in virtually every situation were also noted.

What Owners Dislike

Small rear seats, fuel mileage and a rough ride on some surfaces were the most common complaints of the RDX.

Verdict

The RDX looks like a fairly reliable used crossover buy that should readily impress active, family-minded driving enthusiasts. A dealer-serviced model with a mechanical thumbs-up is your safest bet.

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Bridgestone still needs to work out several kinks before this tire hits the market. JIL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

Airless tires could take the pressure out of driving

Driving Force. Not just a 'pie-in-the-sky' idea — Bridgestone wants to make tire commercially viable

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Your vehicle isn't just riding on its tires — it's also riding on the cushion of air that's inside them. A tire that has lost all of its air won't get you anywhere, and even one that's only lost some of its air pressure can affect your vehicle's handling and fuel economy.

Although none are on the market yet, several companies are working on tires that don't need any air at all, including Bridgestone.

"It's called the Non-Pneumatic Concept Tire," says Elizabeth Lewis, public relations coordinator for Bridgestone Americas.

"There's less maintenance to it, there's no risk of flat tires and there are major end-of-life possibilities."

The airless tire consists of a spoke structure made of thermoplastic resin, surrounded by a rubber tread. Everything in the tire can be recycled, and it can be retreaded numerous times with new rubber as needed before the entire tire has to be replaced.

Bridgestone has been working on the concept for three years, primarily in Japan, and in smaller, lower-speed applications such as electric golf carts.

"Instead of starting big, they started small, figuring out the major issues and then growing it with the idea of it being a commercially viable tire," Lewis says. "This isn't just pie-in-the-sky. Their eyes are on the vehicles we drive today, and they're looking for a more environmentally-friendly alternative to conventional tires."

There are numerous issues that must be resolved before you'll be actually able to put a set on your car. At higher speeds, some airless tires tend to vibrate and make a lot of noise, although Lewis says that this design hasn't presented that problem.

However, the company still has to deal with concerns related to high-speed handling, long-term durability and performance in extreme temperatures. A marketable design will need to include something to prevent foreign objects from jamming into the spokes, and new manufacturing techniques and equipment will have to be developed for mass production.

Despite the difficulties that must be overcome, Bridgestone will continue to develop the airless tire as part of its commitment to environmental issues, Lewis says.

"It's more than just 'let's make a neat wheel that creates some buzz.' We're trying to improve our company and the products that we produce in the future."

Tire talk

- Concept airless tires that have been presented to the public include the Michelin Tweel, and a military tire developed by Resilient Technologies of Wisconsin.
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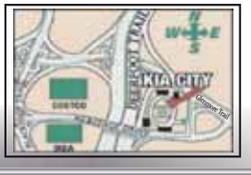

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The People for Good movement, or at least its ad campaign, has been around for a year or so now. You must have seen the ads, extolling you to do such good deeds as "Offer your seat to a stranger," "Smile for no reason," or (my favourite) "Give your fellow driver five fingers — wave."

I think it's a great idea for a movement, and some of the video ads are hilarious, especially the one where a guy named Steve gives up his subway seat to a very pregnant woman. She is so thankful, she says she will name her new daughter Steve. "Or Emily," she says finally.

But I wonder how much impact it is having on the driving community. I couldn't say I've noticed any appreciable uptick in driving civility over the last year. I'm still waiting for just one cabbie to let me in a lane like they routinely expect me to let them in, still waiting for three or four cars to run a yellow before I can make my left turn at a light, still waiting for the Chrysler Lebron doing 90 km/h to get out of the passing lane so I can, well, pass.

But maybe it will eventually gain traction through attrition and through the good it makes the "giver" feel, regardless of whether his or her acts are reciprocated. I know I always feel good when someone gives me a small wave to acknowledge that I let them into a lane.

Letting someone into a lane is my most frequent good-deed driving act. I thought I should stretch out a bit with the goodness, so I perused the Good Ideas section of the People for Good website (peopleforgood.ca).

I didn't get through all the 1,000-plus posted suggestions, because, well, it was too depressing to read all the good things I'm not doing presently. Although I should mention I do this one: "Pick up dog poo that is not from your dog."

I do that because the poo is on my lawn.

Most of the car suggestions are stuff you should already be doing, like allowing people to merge, offering rides, giving pedestrians the benefit of the doubt, etc. But there are novel ones as well, such as giving up a prime parking spot, and buying a coffee for the person behind you in the drive-through.

I also like the one about leaving a parking slip with some time left on it by the ticket machine for the next person to use. But I might be partial to it not because it's good, but because it's more about sticking it to the Man — another worthy cause.

Some of the others are bit quirkier.

"At a stoplight, spontaneously smile and wave at the next person in the car next to you."

I've made up my mind to try a few of the suggestions on the list, automotive and otherwise — but not that one.

While at a stoplight, have you ever randomly smiled and waved at the person in the car next to you? It's considered a good deed. ISTOCK

People for Good movement

Suggested Good Ideas, Driving Division:

- Give up a prime parking spot.
- Stop to let someone cross the street.
- Let people know when their taillights are out.
- Drive an elderly person home with their groceries.
- Buy a coffee for the person behind you in the drive-through.

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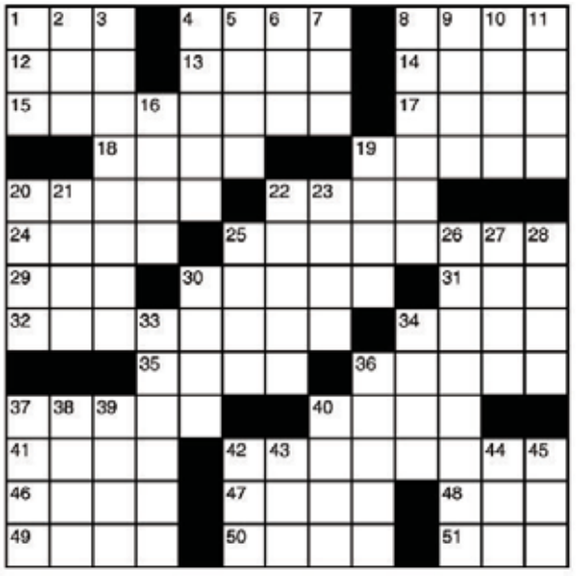
Crossword

Across

1 Computer acronym
4 Roe provider
8 Admitting air
12 Lawyers' org.
13 Lyricist's subject
14 Humdinger
15 Hat maker
17 Handle
18 Pack of cards
19 Zoo structures
20 Enthusiast, and then some
22 Centrifuge insert
24 Protuberance
25 Easy chair
29 Work with
30 Spot on TV?
31 Commotion
32 "Ich bin ein —"
34 Goblet feature
35 Coop collection
36 Down East
37 Toes' woes
40 Picasso contemporary
41 Settled down
42 Youngman joke
46 Stereo set
47 Jack Benny interjection
48 Shock partner
49 Yule refrain
50 Oodles
51 Guided

Down

1 Aries
2 Sapporo sash
3 Seasickness
4 Glossy
5 Gridlock noise
6 "Hail, Caesar!"
7 Aachen article
8 Acid neutralizer
9 Freud cohort
10 Shaving-cream additive
11 Abrades
16 Bound
19 Ump's announcement
20 Blooper
21 Stratagem
22 Irritates
23 Torte topper
25 Pugilists' arena
26 Countrywide
27 Paradise
28 Appian Way terminus
30 Pen pals?
33 Soup legume
34 Rani's garment
36 Factories
37 Songwriter Sammy
38 Medley
39 Abundant
40 Dissolve
42 Pussycat's partner
43 Ultra-modernist
44 Mate of 1-Down
45 Roulette bet



Sudoku

3			1		2			7
	6		3		7		9	
		7				8		
		3	6		5	1		
7								9
		2	4		9	5		
		5				3		
	7		5		6		4	
9			2		8			1

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	1	4	6	5	7	9	2	3
7	5	9	3	2	4	1	8	6
3	6	2	1	8	9	5	7	4
5	9	8	7	3	2	6	4	1
4	3	6	9	1	8	7	5	2
1	2	7	5	4	6	8	3	9
6	4	1	2	7	5	3	9	8
2	7	3	8	9	1	4	6	5
9	8	5	4	6	3	2	1	7

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

ZP RPPWXZMRXQ GWMWT, R RGZKRPQ AWL'J PQQJ K TQZM QPKRPQ-LRMA.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SINCE MY FATHER REALLY LOVES LICKING ENVELOPES, PEOPLE OFTEN LIKE TO CALL HIM A SEALING FAN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: P equals N

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. No matter how big the challenge, you will emerge victorious.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. Whatever you turn your hand to today will work out better than you expected.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Someone who does not want to see you succeed will try to talk you out of attempting something that could boost your reputation. Don't let them.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. This is going to be a busy day for you – you will be rushing here, there and everywhere trying to get it all done. Set yourself a time deadline.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. You may have to get tough with someone who has let you down, but don't go too far and say things that might make it difficult for you to work together in future.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. You will pull out all the stops to be the biggest and the best at what you do.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You can move either this way or that way today. But it has to be one or the other.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. A task you have to complete will be easier than you expected.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You won't lack for advice today – everyone wants to tell you what you should be doing – but if you are smart you will ignore it all and listen only to your own inner voice.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. Pluto in your sign is energized by Mars today, which means you can't lose.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. Some people will be shocked by how far you are prepared to go to get what you desire over the next 24 hours, but they shouldn't be.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. Don't sit at home watching the world through your window or, worse, your television screen.

SALLY BROMPTON

Caption Contest

"I wish mom would stop with the Princess Leia fantasy."
John

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